

**Combination of Programmes Under ICPS**

2103. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether her Ministry is proposing to combine its existing programmes under an ambitious Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) to create a strong protective environment for children, diversify and institutionalize essential services and mobilize inter-sectoral response for strengthening child protection;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the progress achieved so far; and

(d) the steps Government have initiated in this regard during the last two years especially in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (c) The Working Group on the Development of Children for the Eleventh Five Year Plan has recommended a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme—"Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS)" to address the issue of child protection and build a protective environment for children. The aims of the proposed Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS), *interalia*, are:

(i) improved institutional care;

(ii) quality non-institutional and alternative care;

(iii) counseling and family support;

(iv) training and capacity building.

The new scheme ICPS proposes to bring existing schemes and programmes, like A Programme for Juvenile Justice; An Integrated Programme for Street Children, and Assistance to Homes for Infant and Young Children for Promoting In-Country Adoptions (Shishu Greh) within its fold.

(d) Does not arise as the Working Group on the Development of children for the Eleventh Plan has recommended initiation of this scheme from the Eleventh Five Year Plan.